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(Mezrai)

File No. 16-33

Previous References
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Part B for August 33.

SUBJECT.

Appeal of Manjabhatta praying for the grant of S no Melige belonging to Sri Venkataramana Swamy temple at the place on lease right for 30 years at an annual rental of Rs 45/-

To Mr. M. D. Manjabhatta
Melige

No 123 S 3-8-33.

State Govt. There are no reasons to reconsider orders

Serial No.

Petition of 24/7/33 from Mr. Manja Bhatta - Melige Tirthahalli Taluk stating that the order passed in respect of the lease of S. No 11 in Malage Village belonging to Sir Venkatarangama Devaru on two occasions has been complained that he has been unjustly denied the elementary right of putting his case before Government for their consideration and praying that the lease might be given him for 30 years for an annual rent of Rs 450/—

The previous petition from the same gentleman on the subject has been rejected vide Rolls and orders (Nos 4 - 9 on May 16-33 - 3 months for repn. As there are no additional fresh grounds for any reconsideration, if asked, his attention will be drawn to the previous orders issued to him.

For orders

Sd 29/7

Petr may perhaps be informed that his request cannot be considered.

Sd 28/7/33

Secy(1) There are no adequate grounds to reconsider the orders passed & prayed & is agreed

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No 1239 3.8-33 to the [illegible] - Maulvi Abdulla stating that his request cannot be granted —— | 7

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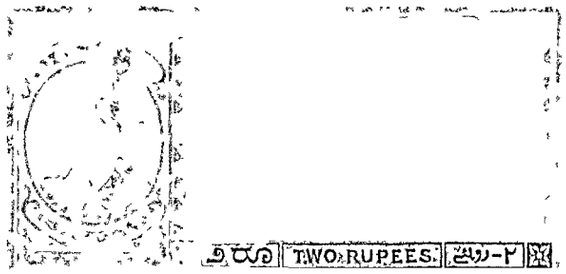

BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
(MUZRAI DEPARTMENT), BANGALORE.

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The humble Petitioner, M.D.MANJA BHATTA of Melige, Thirthahalli Taluk, most respectfully begs to place the following before the Benevolent Government and to crave indulgence for an opportunity being given to him to lay his hard and miserable case for the gracious consideration of the Benign Government:--

1. From time immemorial, the Petitioner and his forefathers have been in the VAHIVAT of the Sri Venkataramanaswami Temple at Melige in the Tirthahalli Taluk and the Inam lands attached to it, and have been up to date managing the affairs of the Temple in the most disinterested and impartial manner, prompted by no motive other than faithfully serving the God and the Government alike: The daily and periodical Services in the Temple - are being attended to with scrupulous punctuality; the Temple and the attached buildings have been maintained in good repair, and the fixed Gutta amounts are also paid most regularly.

2. In addition to the above, the Petitioner has been making large Contributions towards

towards the various improvements and progress of this Ancient Temple, and has recently repaired the buildings at heavy cost in addition to building a Car and a Car-shed costing nearly Rs.3,000/- out of his own resources. The bona-fides of this statement may, if necessary, be verified by local enquiry and personal inspection.

3. When labour and money are scarce, and more particularly so in the Malnad, the humble Petitioner has staked his all in improving the Garden lands belonging to the Temple, ~~which have just now begun to yield~~. The Petitioner submits that it is a fallacy to say that, if he has spent much money over the improvement of the lands, he has correspondingly derived the benefit; for it is only just now that the lands have begun to yield. The present condition of the Gardens, which is due to the untiring energy and large investments made on their improvements, ~~have~~ has roused the jealousy and envy of other people, and the Petitioner has been made an unsuspecting victim of local factions and intrigue. If an opportunity is given, the Petitioner is prepared to substantiate by valuable evidence the statements made by him.

4. The Petitioner submits that, in approaching the Benign Government for redress, he

he is not prompted by any animosity or hatred towards any, or by any motives of personal benefit or aggrandisement to the prejudice of the Temple interests. Sri Venkataramanaswamy is the Family Deity of the Petitioner, and he would be committing horrible and unpardonable sins if his objects in pressing his claims upon the attention of the Government were ill-intentioned or mala-fide in the least. The Petitioner feels aggrieved that his case has not received at the hands of the Government that generous treatment which the exigencies and the pressing necessities of his unassailable claim to hold the Lease Right of the lands demand. The Order passed by Government on two occasions has been exparte, and the Petitioner has been unjustly denied the elementary right of putting his case before Govenrnment for their consideration.

5. The Petitioner submits that,when his possession was unjustly assailed on the previous occasion and when he appealed to the then Muzrai Commissioner (Rajakarya Pravina P. G. D'Souza, Esq.,) for relief, he was definitely given to understand that limiting the period of lease was in conformity with the present policy of Government, but it would n o t adversely affect the interests of the Petitioner in whatsoever manner, as the lease would be continued to him, provided he fulfilled h i s -

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portion of the contract. With this assurance, the Petitioner had to acquiesce in the revised arrangement.

6. The Petitioner submits that the Orders now passed are a complete reversal of the dictum laid down in G.O.No.2101/Muz. 187-22-2 dated 18th January,1923, for it makes obligatory on the part of the Government TO RENEW THE LEASE IN FAVOUR OF A TENANT FOR A FRESH TERM, PROVIDED HE IS WILLING TO PAY SUCH REVISED RATE OF RENT AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DHARMADARSIS, REGARD BEING HAD TO THE ALTERED CONDITIONS AT THE TIME AND AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ANY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN EFFECTED BY HIM TO THE LANDS. The Petitioner begs to be pardoned if he emphasises this point,and submits that the orders now passed are a negation of Government's accepted principle and policy. Acting on ~~this~~ the assurance of the previous Muzrai Commissioner and relying upon the terms of the Government Order referred to, the Petitioner effected large improvements to the lands and also undertook to pay an enhanced Gutta,regard being had to the altered conditions and taking into consideration the improvements done by him. The enhanced rent so offered by h i m had the unqualified acceptance of the local Muzrai Officer and the Deputy Commissioner. The

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humble Petitioner fails to understands how, in the face of such overwhelming evidence of his bona-fides and the concurrent opinion of all Government Officers, he was denied a further Lease of the lands, thereby causing him irreparable loss of prestige, - not to speak of enormous financial losses, almost leading to bankruptcy.

7. The Petitioner submits that it is not the policy of Government to create unhealthy competition among cultivators, - more particularly in Malnad, and thus lead - them to certain ruin in these days of great economic distress and depression in Paddy and Arecanut Trade which is the mainstay of the Malnad Ryot. If the humble Petitioner had but an inkling that his just and undeniable claims would be set at naught and unhealthy competition would be encouraged, he would not have been slow to take the time by the fore-lock ~~and~~ but would have acted promptly and judiciously ~~and~~ but ~~otherwise~~ laid bare his case before the Benign Government much earlier and sought their protection. The Petitioner submits that even now he is prepared to accept, with the best of motives and in the interests of the Temple, the same Terms as those - of Mr. Raghupathi Rao and to offer adequate - Security for the due and proper fulfilment of the Contract.

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8. HE, THEREFORE, BEGS THAT THE LEASE MAY BE CONTINUED TO HIM FOR THIRTY YEARS FOR AN ANNUAL RENT OF RS.450/-.

9 IN C O N C L U S I O N, the humble Petitioner most respectfully begs that the records of the previous and present Lease may be sent for and perused and an opportunity afforded to this distressed Petitioner to make his personal submissions for the gracious consideration of Government. If, even after that, the Government are convinced that the case of the Petitioner deserves no consideration, he will abide by any decision that the Government may be pleased to pass.

Bangalore,
24th July, 1933.

HUMBLE PETITIONER.

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Dated .. 1/8/33

Mng 16-33-7 **ENDORSEMENT.**

To

Mr M. D. Manja Bhatia
Melige ... Tirthahalli Tk.

Reference:—His/~~Her letter~~/petition dated 24-7-33

Subject:—

Continuance of the lease holding of S. No 11 in Melige village belonging to S/o Venkataramana Devaru for 30 yrs from as 4-50 p.a.

Reference is invited to item No 1 below.

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Signature.

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Designation. for H.I.S.C.E

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As there are no adequate grounds to remind the order already passed in Endr No 74/Mng 16-33-3 dt 18/7/33, the present application is disallowed.

*1. The request cannot be granted. ... The fact ... ...